



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Lynwood, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Lynwood was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Lynwood (population 71,632) is located in Los Angeles County. The project area for brownfields assessments lies along Long Beach Boulevard, the major north-south thoroughfare of the city's downtown. The boulevard area is challenged by declining housing stock, blighted properties with unknown environmental issues, poverty, and unemployment. Almost all city residents are minorities, and 23.5 percent of city residents live in poverty. Assessment of brownfields along the boulevard is expected to clarify the extent of environmental contamination and encourage redevelopment that will help revitalize the city's downtown.



Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Lynwood for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct a brownfields inventory and up to three Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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